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- a. Twenty-five thousand truck tires and tubes, shipped to Canton.
- b. Five thousand drums of aviation gasoline, shipped to Canton.
- c. Hong Kong (HK) \$600,000 worth of liquid oxygen for use in submarines, smoke screen chemicals and industrial chemicals, all shipped directly to Tsingtao.

2. To cover the purchases the Communists, through the Southern Trading Corporation*, organized a number of commercial firms in Hong Kong and Canton, such as the Lien Hsin Hong (聯興行), Tai Ping South Road, Canton, and the Lien Tung (聯通) Company, Winglooh West Street, Hong Kong.

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Comment. Possibly this is the South China Trading Company, mentioned in [REDACTED]

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